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Weekly Digest **Week of July 27 – 31**

COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

No Commission open meetings or executive sessions were scheduled this week.

ADVISORY OPINIONS

Request Received

[AOR 2015-06 \(Maxine Waters\)](#). On July 29, the Commission made public Advisory Opinion Request 2015-06. The requestor, Representative Maxine Waters, asks whether members of Congress may contribute individually or through political committees to campaigns for elected office abroad. The Commission will accept written comments on the request during the 10-day period following publication of the request (no later than August 10, 2015) and shall issue a response no later than 60 days after receipt of the complete request, specifically by September 28, 2015.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Commission made public one campaign finance enforcement matter that was resolved through its Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the [Enforcement Query System](#).

[ADR 750](#) – Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen Political Action Committee and Jerry C. Boles, in his official capacity as treasurer. The respondent agreed to (1) certify that a Representative of the Committee participated in an FEC conference, webinar, or other program developed in consultation with the FEC's Information Division, (2) certify annually for two years that the Committee reconciled all financial data to the report being filed with the Commission prior to each report being filed, and (3) pay a civil penalty of \$3,000.

LITIGATION

[*Combat Veterans for Congress PAC v. FEC*](#) (Case 13-5358). On July 28, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued its [Opinion](#) and [Per Curiam Judgment](#).

[*Pursuing America's Greatness v. FEC*](#) (Case 1:15-cv- 01217). On July 27, Pursuing America's Greatness filed a [Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief](#) and a [Motion for Preliminary Injunction](#) in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

OUTREACH

On July 27, Chair Ann M. Ravel met with the Chairman of the Libyan High National Election Commission, Dr. Emad Alsaiah, to discuss the work of their respective organizations.

On July 27, Chair Ravel discussed the role and work of the Commission with Fellows from the Roosevelt Institute in Washington, DC.

On July 31, Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub spoke about "Current Issues Before the FEC," at the American Bar Association's annual meeting in Chicago, IL. The Commissioner's presentation was part of an election law panel entitled "The New Normal in Electoral Access & Political Participation: Challenges Facing the 2016 Election Cycle."

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

July 31: Mid-Year reports were due. For more information on semiannual reporting dates, refer to the [Semiannual Reporting](#) page of the Commission website.

PRESS RELEASES

[Court of Appeals Issues Opinion in *Combat Veterans for Congress PAC v. FEC*](#) (issued July 28)

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

August 11: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [open meeting](#) and an [executive session](#).

August 13: The Commission is scheduled to hold an [executive session](#).

Meeting dates are subject to change. Please contact the Press Office the week of the scheduled meeting for confirmation.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

August 25-26, Chicago, IL, Regional Conference for House & Senate Campaigns, Political Party Committees and Corporate/Trade/Labor PACs. Additional information is available on the [Educational Outreach](#) page of the Commission website.

UPCOMING REPORTING DUE DATES

August 20: August Monthly Reports are due. For more information on monthly reporting dates, refer to the [2015 Monthly Reporting page](#) of the Commission website.

OTHER RESOURCES

The [2015 edition of the Combined Federal State Disclosure and Election Directory](#) is available in the [Public Records](#) section of the Commission website. This publication identifies the federal and state agencies responsible for the disclosure of campaign finances, lobbying, personal finances, public financing, candidates on the ballot, election results, spending on state initiatives and other financial filings.

The 2015 edition of the Federal Election Campaign Finance Laws is available on the Commission [website](#) and [in print](#). The compilation contains all federal campaign finance laws (including a conversion table showing the recent changes from Title 2 U.S.C. to Title 52 U.S.C.). To order a copy at no charge, contact the Commission's Information Division at (800) 424-9530 (press 6, when prompted) or email info@fec.gov.

The 2015 edition of [Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations](#) can be downloaded from the website. To order printed copies, call (800) 424-9530 (press 6) or send an email to info@fec.gov.

The [2014 Legislative Recommendations](#) are available on the Commission's website.

The 2014 edition of the [Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide for Congressional Candidates and Committees](#) is available on the Commission's website.

The August 2013 edition of the [Federal Election Commission Campaign Guide for Political Party Committees](#) is available on the Commission's website.

The [Official 2012 Presidential General Election Results](#) are available in the [Library](#) section of the website. This listing was compiled from the official election results published by state election offices.

The Commission has published the [2015 Record Index](#) page. An [index](#) to previously published Record news articles is available on the Commission website. The [Record](#) news page is available in the [Publications](#) section of the Commission website. [Sign up](#) to receive email notification when new articles are posted.

The [FEC Annual Reports from 1975-2006](#) are available on the website. Beginning in 2007, the Commission consolidated its Annual Report with its [Performance and Accountability Report \(PAR\)](#) to provide a single account of the agency's activities for each fiscal year.

[Instructional videos](#) are available on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/FECTube?feature=watch>. These videos are also available on the Commission's E-Learning resources page at <http://www.fec.gov/info/elearning.shtml>.

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